



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher, the Lincoln Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On September 25, 2009, the Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge in Lincoln sentenced Willie Sturgis to 21 years and 10 months in imprisonment followed by five years of supervised release for his part in a Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine. Sturgis was held responsible for the distribution of more than a half pound of crack cocaine in the Lincoln area between April 1, 2007 to October 2008. This sentence is to be served concurrently with three sentences he is already serving totaling 20 to 36 years for theft and attempted robbery, handed down by the Lancaster County District Court.

Name of Defendant: Willie Sturgis

AKA:

Age: 35

City of residence: Lincoln, NE

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, 10 years to life imprisonment, up to a \$4,000,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 5 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: over a half pound of crack cocaine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Mary McDaniel

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Between April 1, 2007 and October 19, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: October 28, 2008

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: October 22, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: October 28, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): December 29, 2008

Sentencing Date: September 25, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: detained

In Continuous Custody Since: October 28, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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